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NLM Speakers Address AAMC Meeting

The Eleventh Meeting of Teaching Hospitals with the Association of American Medical Colleges, was held at Houston, Texas, October 31 - November 4. At that meeting, Martin M. Cummings, M.D., NLM Director and Dr. Ruth M. Davis, Director of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, spoke on the Library's planned Biomedical Communications Network.

Dr. Cummings described the Network "a national resource which can be shared freely on a dedicated basis"; he stressed that it was essential "to immediately enlist, as members of the Network, those professional organizations which have the information resources and educational processes of greatest benefit to the largest audiences within the medical community."

Dr. Davis' talk clarified the role of technology in facilitating communication for education. As an illustration of the problems faced by the medical community, she used the "drug explosion," which has resulted in a national demand for 12 billion prescription tablets and capsules a year.

HMD Adds Hospital Records To Collection

The National Library of Medicine has recently added an important group of hospital records to its Modern Manuscripts collection. Through the concern and awareness of Dr. Douglas Carroll of the Baltimore City Hospitals and Dr. John B. DeHoff of the Baltimore City Health Department, a selected sample of clinical records from the Sydenham Fever Hospital of Baltimore was saved from destruction. The Sydenham Hospital was administered by the Baltimore City Health Department as a university-affiliated hospital for infectious diseases from 1909 until 1949. The clinical records reveal a panorama of the tragic sequelae and complications so frequently seen in the pre-antibiotic era.

The collection includes all the clinical records from 1909 through 1923 (in about 80 bound volumes) and a 10 per cent sample--about 2,200 units--of the remaining records, which were filed individually. Collected series of typhoid fever records and poliomyelitis records, a small amount of correspondence, and scrapbooks were also acquired.

Although NLM has a modest number of Patient Registers from early Marine Hospitals, this is the first collection of clinical records that has been

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Share Your Training Aids

The Library is presently developing various programs for the training of librarians and library users in the most effective use of medical library resources. The NLM staff wishes, in this connection, to collect samples of teaching materials used by others in similar applications, including course outlines, lecturers' notes, and scripts. Of particular interest are courses that have been developing to train hospital librarians, and seminars designed to instruct health professionals in how to use bibliographic resources in biomedicine.

We would be most interested to obtain details of any courses or seminars of the above type, whether given in the past or planned for the future. Please write or phone Mr. F. W. Lancaster, Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Library Operations, National Library of Medicine.

MEDLARS Search Analysts Meet

The Library was host to over 25 workshop participants from MEDLARS stations in the United States, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, November 18-20. In addition to the customary Search Workshops, during which searches were formulated both individually and in groups, there were presentations by NLM staff members and others on new developments and programs.

Some were reviews and updating of current projects, such as "Regional Medical Libraries" (Mr. Samuel T. Waters, Acting Deputy Associate Director for Library Operations); "MEDLARS II" (a progress report by Mr. Alfred Asch, Chief, Office of Computer and Engineering Services and a functional description by Dr. Joseph Leiter, Associate Director for Library Operations); "Auxiliary Chemical Module" (Miss Winifred Sewell, Chief, Drug Literature Program); and "Indexing Developments" (Mr. Stanley Jablonski, Head, Index Section, BSD).

Other presentations treated subjects of relatively new concern to MEDLARS participants. Among them were "Library Networks" (Mr. Lawrence Livingston, Senior Planner, Network Plans & Management Branch, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications); "User Training Programs for MEDLARS Centers and Regional Libraries" (Mr. F. W. Lancaster, Special Assistant to the Associate Director Library Operations); "Experimental On-Line Searching with SUNY" (Mr. William I. Plank, Head, Cataloging Maintenance, TSD, and Mrs. Catherine E. Orner, MEDLARS Search Analyst, NLM); and "Processing on the H-800 and the IBM 7094" (Mr. J. Carroll Notestine, Computer Programmer, Ohio State University MEDLARS Center, and Mrs. Sylvia L. Stewart, Computer Programmer, OCES).

Subjects of continuing interest to search analysts were "Decentralized Indexing and Search" (Clifford A. Bachrach, M.D., Chief, Bibliographic Services Division);

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"Augmented MESH Vocabulary (AMV)" (Norman P. Shumway, M.D., Chief, Medical Subject Headings); "Network Management" (Mrs. Lillian Washington, Head, MEDLARS Management Section); "Quality Control" (Mr. Constantine G. Gillespie, Special Assistant to the Chief, BSD); and "MEDLARS Analyst Training" (Mr. William H. Caldwell, Deputy Chief, BSD).

The recurring demand search was the topic of a panel discussion by Dr. Anthony J. Harley, Great Britain, Christina Olivecrona, M.D., Sweden, Miss Laura K. Osborn, Ohio State University, and Miss Patricia Pannier, University of Colorado. The three-day workshop concluded with a round-table discussion on topics for future workshops and a critique of the current sessions.

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acquired. While it is necessary to be very selective in the acquisition of hospital records because of the quantities of material generally involved, this particular collection provides a unique opportunity to study the incidence and treatment of a wide variety of infectious diseases in the immediate pre-antibiotic era.

In announcing the acquisition of this material, the National Library of Medicine wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness to Dr. Carroll and Dr. DeHoff, who took the initial steps to preserve these records.

NMAC Receives Award

Camera crew is shown below shooting the award-winning film, "The Price of Survival," produced by NLM's National Medical Audiovisual Center for the Division of Emergency Health Services, Health Services and Mental Health Administration. This award was presented to NMAC with special commendation to Mr. Jack C. Kirkland, Acting Chief of Production Branch, NMAC, and Mr. Robert T. Turnbull, director of the motion picture. The film has won four awards prior to this one, including Highest Honors from the National Committee on Films for Safety

Personnel

Maria A. Mannarino, M.D., has joined the staff of the Medical Subject Headings Section, Bibliographic Services Division, as Senior Medical Officer (Pediatrics and Neurosurgery). Dr. Mannarino received her M.D. degree from J. W. Goethe Universitaet, Frankfurt, Germany, in 1956. She was a fellow in Neurosurgery at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, from 1961 to 1963.

Charles A. Roos, head of the Reference Section, Reference Services Division, retired in November after 27 years of Government service. Mr. Roos came to the Library in October 1943 from the Library of Congress. During his years at NLM, Mr. Roos prepared extensive bibliographies in the field of medicine and military medicine. His "Bibliography of Space Medicine" is considered the first comprehensive publication on that topic. He was also co-editor of Medical Reference Works, 1679-1966: A Selected Bibliography, which is regarded as an indispensable text for medical reference work throughout the world.

New NLM Literature Searches

Single copies of the following new bibliographies are available on request to the Office of Public Information, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. They should be ordered by number. Please do not send requests on interlibrary loan forms.

L.S. No.	TITLE
22-68	Diabetes and lipid metabolism in man. January 1964-August 1968. (408 citations)
23-68	Lung transplantation. January 1964-June 1968. (169 citations)
24-68	Adverse effects of lysergic acid diethylamide. January 1964-August 1968. (112 citations)
25-68	Effect of estrogens and progestins on carbohydrate metabolism. January 1964-August 1968. (137 citations)
26-68	Training of public health personnel. January 1964-August 1968. (181 citations)
27-68	Toxicity of pesticides to man. January 1964-August 1968. (316 citations)
28-68	Trends in administration of psychiatric hospitals. January 1964-August 1968. (172 citations in English)